



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 909**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON  
FUNDING PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Blue  
2       Ribbon Commission on funding private providers of human services.  
3       The commission shall: (1) Study issues relating to the adequacy of state  
4       funding for all private providers of human services under contract  
5       with the Judicial Department or the Department of Public Health,  
6       Mental Health and Addiction Services, Mental Retardation, Children  
7       and Families, Correction or Social Services; (2) make recommendations  
8       regarding a consistent, efficient and accountable system to be used by  
9       said departments in paying the actual costs of the services rendered by  
10      such providers; (3) develop a mechanism to address the disparity in  
11      wages and benefits of the employees of such private providers and  
12      state employees who perform comparable work; (4) recommend  
13      uniform contractual provisions regarding such funding, including, but  
14      not limited to, cost settlement, surplus retention and financial  
15      reporting requirements; and (5) develop a timetable for making any  
16      funding adjustments or other changes to the contracts or procedures  
17      with such private providers.
- 18      (b) The commission shall consist of the following members:
- 19      (1) One from the Connecticut Community Providers Association,

20 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 (2) One from the Connecticut Association of Nonprofits, appointed  
22 by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

23 (3) One from a union representing health care workers employed by  
24 private community-based providers, appointed by the majority leader  
25 of the House of Representatives;

26 (4) Two direct care employees of private providers, consisting of  
27 one union member and one nonunion member, appointed by the  
28 majority leader of the Senate;

29 (5) One member of the board of directors of a nonprofit human  
30 service provider, appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
31 Representatives;

32 (6) One from the Nonprofit Human Services Cabinet, appointed by  
33 the minority leader of the Senate;

34 (7) The cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
35 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
36 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, or their  
37 designees;

38 (8) The Commissioners of Public Health, Mental Health and  
39 Addiction Services, Mental Retardation, Correction, Children and  
40 Families and Social Services, or their designees; and

41 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
42 secretary's designee.

43 (c) All appointments to the commission shall be made no later than  
44 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
45 filled by the appointing authority.

46 (d) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the commission  
47 from among the members of the commission. Such chairperson shall

48 schedule the first meeting of the commission on or before August 1,  
49 2003.

50 (e) Not later than December 1, 2003, the commission shall submit a  
51 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
52 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
53 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, public  
54 health and human services, in accordance with the provisions of  
55 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
56 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2004, whichever is  
57 earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*